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Farm Supply Store Is Destroyed By Fire

A fire caused an estimated \$70,000 damage at Howell's Feed and Seed Store at Green Mountain last Thursday night. Fire Chief Bob Hilliard said the blaze started around 9:30 and probably was caused by a short circuit in the main switch box produced when high winds blew two power lines together.

Rural Schools Need State Help

SANFORD — Supporters of rural schools throughout North Carolina have found a friend in former State Senator Terry Sanford of Fayetteville, who spoke here recently on a program for "lifting our small schools out of the mud."

Speaking at the Father-Son banquet of Grantham's Future Farmers of America, Sanford told the group "I would like to see us do for the public schools what Governor Scott did for the public roads. The rural school which year after year sends forth graduates unable to compete with the graduates of the larger, wealthier school systems in the State needs to be lifted out of the mud."

The Democratic leader reminded his audience that in these times this country must train every potential scholar to the limit of his abilities, and to do this the State cannot be satisfied with mediocrity in even one school. "The schools which do not measure up because of inadequate State and local funds," Sanford said, "are blights on a State whose proud Constitutional boast is a general and uniform system of public schools."

The solution, Sanford concluded, is complex, but part of the answer lies in adequate financing. "Among other things, this means a fairer allocation of all of the resources of North Carolina, state and local, so that our boys and girls, whether in or out of the cities close to or far away from wealth, have an opportunity for education which approaches equality."

"There are many signs of better days for North Carolina schools," he said. "For example, presently at work are two State committees, one charged with studying school finances, the other studying the teaching practices. In addition, North Carolina is taking the national lead in developing educational television. And most important of all, there is all over North Carolina a waking interest in public schools. I believe we can have another crusade for public education equal to the crusade of Governor Aycock, and I believe the time is now." Governor Charles B. Aycock led the successful establishment of North Carolina's present public school system.

"This help for rural schools," Sanford said, "will require the determined support of people who are willing to make the public schools the number one responsibility of the State of North Carolina. The result will be an opportunity for a superior education for all boys and girls."

Locals

Miss Pauline G. Jarrett underwent surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., on Jan. 21. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jarrett of Green Mountain. Her sister, Mrs. Daisy Wyatt, visited her during her illness.



Raleigh—The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a. m. January 27, 1958:

Killed This Year: 43
Killed to Date Last Year: 89

the blaze under control, using a portable pump since they were unable to get the truck to the river. The fire had caused considerable damage by the time the firemen reached the scene, Hilliard said.

The frame and tin building was completely destroyed, and due to the high winds, very little equipment was saved. Chief Hilliard said the losses included seven box carloads of fertilizer, five carloads of feed, five farm tractors, \$7,000 worth of seed, and an automobile belonging to a man on the store's staff.

Firemen, with the aid of a wrecker truck from Banks-Young Motor Co., were able to save five farm tractors, two of them partly damaged.

J. W. Howell owned the building, and Ward Howell was operator of the store.

Chief Hilliard said the losses were partly covered by insurance.

Writers Workshop To Be Held

Raleigh, Jan. 29 — The first annual Southern Writers Workshop, for beginning and experienced writers, will be held at the Sir Walter Hotel April 8, 9 and 10th. The Workshop, first of its kind in North Carolina, will feature lectures by successful, published authors, who will discuss techniques, trends and markets. Regional publishers will also take part on the program. There will be sessions on all phases of writing, including biography, the short story, the novel, mysteries, poetry, the trade journal and the feature article.

The Workshop will open with registration at 3 p. m. Tuesday, April 8th. Bugs Barringer, of Rocky Mount, newspaper columnist and feature writer, and Mrs. Bernadette Hoyle, of Smithfield, author of "Tar Heel Writers I Know", are co-chairmen of the Workshop. All persons interested in attending the Workshop can obtain further information by writing to Mrs. Hoyle.

Anglin Urges Farmers To Sign Up For Acreage Reserve

All North Carolina counties are now authorized to take requests from farmers to participate in the Soil Bank Acreage Reserve Program, Fred L. Anglin, Office Manager for Yancey ASC Committee announced today.

Most of our farmers know that the sign up under the Acreage Reserve Program began the 15th of this month and that the response of farmers to this sign up was "way beyond all expectations. In fact, by the 17th, after just four days of the sign up, North Carolina farmers had placed cotton acreage in the Soil Bank which would provide payments to complying farmers of \$5,900,000.

In other words, in just four days the 1958 sign up farmers in this State had placed nearly as much cotton acreage in the reserve as was placed in the 1957 program during the entire sign up. There were 122,000 acres of cotton placed in the 1957 Acreage Reserve Program, for payments totaling \$7,300,000. Because of the unexpectedly heavy participation in the program during the first four days of the sign up, Washington instructed ASC State Offices to suspend the sign up on cotton. In the Acreage Reserve until a closer look could be taken at the money available. Corn was found to be in a similar situation, and firm commitments were stopped on January 21. From this experience with cotton and corn, I think it would be wise if any farmers wishing to put some of their tobacco acreage in this year's Soil Bank visit their local ASC Office without delay and have their requests properly recorded. Anglin said.

One of the primary objectives is to assist farmers in reducing production of the basic crops currently in over supply. Under the 1957 Soil Bank Acreage Reserve Program farmers in this State did more than their share in cutting surplus production.



HOME-MAKING QUEEN Mme. Vignie Belligoe of Haute-Saone won prizes as France's best housekeeper through written examination and practical demonstration.

Profitable Small Leaf Allotment

Ray Cook of the Seven Mile Ridge Community of Yancey County has a small tobacco allotment, but he's making the most of it. Assistant County Agent Roger Hyatt says that Cook produced 546 pounds of tobacco from his .15 acre allotment.

Cook attributes his high production to two things: first he followed recommended fertilization practices and then he pruned 80 pounds which he figures would have rotted in the field, otherwise.

Stamey Selected For Agricultural Work

J. B. Stamey, local dairyman and community leader, has been selected to serve a four year term on the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Foundation. Mr. Stamey has also been elected a member of the executive committee for the same term, according to L. L. Ray, director of the foundation.

This foundation was organized in 1944, and during the past year, had a total income of \$225,691.93. The "Nickels for Know-How" plan operates on the basis of 5c per ton on feed and fertilizer.

Mr. Stamey is a member of the County Soil Conservation District Committee, a former demonstration farmer, and a farm organization leader.

Yancey Has Increase In Accident Fatalities In 1957

The accident report for Yancey County, released this week by Patrolman A. W. Rector, shows that five persons were killed in automobile accidents in this county during 1957, an increase of three over 1956.

There was a total of 74 accidents during the year, with 38 involving personal injury.

The report shows that 2-3 of the accidents occurred on N. C. Highway 19-E, with the greater per cent occurring between Burnsville and Bald Creek. More accidents happened between the hours of 6 p. m. and midnight; and the worst days of the week were Saturday and Sunday, which accounted for 17 and 18 accidents respectively.

December proved to be the worst month for accidents, the report states, with a total of 12 accidents.

Speed accounted for most of the accidents during the year. The three other main causes were driving on the wrong side of the road, right of way violations and driving drunk.

Health Dept. News

The North Carolina Merit System Council has approved the reclassification of Dr. Cameron F. McRae to Health Officer I, retroactive to January 1. This promotion was based both on field experience and on postgraduate training; the latter was taken at the University of North Carolina in 1938 and in 1954-5.

Chest X-ray service in the Yancey County Health Center, Burnsville, will be suspended until arrangements can be made for its resumption. Dr. McRae, the District Health Director, had been doing this work until his departure for the University of North Carolina. Chest X-rays are still made in the Spruce Pine Health Office on Thursdays, between 8:30 a. m. and 12 noon and from 1 to 5 p. m.

Presbyterian Church News

The monthly breakfast of the Presbyterian men will be held next Sunday morning at 8 a. m. All men of the congregation are invited.

At the 11 a. m. service there will be the ordination and installation of a deacon. The subject of the sermon by the Rev. Warren S. Reeve, minister, will be "My Overflowing Cup".

Air Force Longevity Service Award

An Air Force Longevity Service Award to be worn by AF military personnel was announced by Sgt. James W. Small, local Air Force recruiter.

The Award will be in the form of a ribbon bar. It will be awarded for four years of honorable active military service. A bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded for additional four year periods. A silver oak leaf cluster will be worn in lieu of five bronze clusters.

The ribbon is expected to be available for issue next spring. It will be a little lighter in color than shade 84 AF blue, with two vertical turquoise bands. Manufacturing specifications are now being developed.

The new longevity ribbon will be worn by officers and airmen alike, to provide a uniform means for recognizing length of active military service of all AF personnel. All Federal active military service will count toward longevity award service, provided that at least part of the time was spent in the active Air Force since its establishment as a separate service in 1947.

In addition to providing recognition of officers' longevity for the first time, the ribbon will replace airmen's "foxy" service hashmarks. Air Force policy is to keep the Air Force uniform plain, but distinctive.

Boy Scouts To Observe 48th Anniversary

The 4,700,000 boys and leaders of the Boy Scouts of America will launch a yearlong National Safety Good Turn during Boy Scout Week, February 7 to 13.

The Scouts' national service project was suggested by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Honorary President of the Boy Scouts.

In a White House message, President Eisenhower told the Scouts:

"In our land each individual is of inestimable worth, yet in no other land do accidents cause a more terrible loss of human life and limb. This fact cannot be passively accepted. We must seek new ways to save the basic resource of our Nation: its people."

"Encouraged by the splendid results of your Conservation Good Turn four years ago, I now urge you to adopt Safety as your service project for 1958. Through the concerted action of your members, and in cooperation with other organizations, you can alert the public to the urgent need for reducing the tragic toll of accidents."

"This is an opportunity for service to your country in the highest tradition of the Boy Scouts of America."

The Scouts' National Safety Good Turn is being coordinated nationally and locally with other safety programs and campaigns. National safety organizations have advised and assisted Scout leaders in developing plans and projects.

During March, April, and May, the projects will involve traffic safety. Outdoor safety projects will keep Scouts busy in June, July, and August. Home safety will be featured in September, October, and November.

Next October, the Boy Scouts will distribute to approximately 35,000 homes a civil defense booklet on family preparedness for emergencies.

Lions Hear District Governor

District Governor A. R. Smith of Boone was guest speaker at the Ladies' Night of the local Lions Club held Thursday night in the Community Building.

Governor Smith eulogized the Lions for their work in helping the unfortunate and in promoting world peace.

Micaville School students entertained with musical numbers and a blackface sermon by Lyda B. Ray.

Dr. C. F. McRae, a charter member of the club and local health officer, was presented with a service certificate. Lion McRae is moving to New York where he has accepted similar work.

Approximately 50 Lions and guests were present.

Red Cross Bloodmobile To Be Here Feb. 5th

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Yancey County next Wednesday, Feb. 5, and will be set up in the basement of the First Baptist Church in Burnsville from 1:00 to 5:00 p. m.

Mrs. Evelyn Pate, blood program chairman for Yancey County, states that it is hoped a large number of people from all sections of the county will volunteer as donors to enable Yancey to meet its quota of blood donations. This will assure that those in this county who are in need of blood to hasten recovery or save lives may have it without delay.

Miss Peterson Is Named Homemaker Of Tomorrow

The Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow in Clearmont School is Miss Betty Lou Peterson.

She received the highest score in a written examination on homemaking knowledge and attitudes, administered Dec. 3 to senior girls in the graduating class. Her examination paper will be entered in competition to name this state's candidate for the title of All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow and will also be considered for the runner-up award in the state. For her achievement, she will receive an award pin designed by Thifair of New York.

The national winner in the fourth annual Betty Crocker Search conducted among 327,000 young women in 11,800 of the nation's public, private and parochial high schools will be named April 17 at a banquet in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City.

General Mills is sponsor of the program designed to assist schools in education for home and family living. This year's huge entry brings the four-year participation over the million mark. A total of 1,071,000 girls has enrolled in this national homemaking project since it was launched in 1955. A total of \$108,000 in scholarships will be awarded this year.

Each State Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and an education trip with her school advisor to Washington, D. C., colonial Williamsburg, Va., and New York City. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded the second ranking girl in each state. The school of the state winner will receive a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica. The scholarship of the young woman named All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow will be increased to \$5,000. Girls who rank second, third and fourth in the nation will receive \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 scholarships, respectively.

Mrs. Proffitt To Speak At Garden Club Meeting

Mrs. W. A. Y. Sargent will be hostess to the Garden Club Friday evening, Jan. 31, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Charles Proffitt is program leader and Mrs. Ralph Proffitt, of Bald Creek, will be guest speaker.

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Agent Suggests Additional Cash Crop For Farmers

By Don Pardue, Assistant County Agent

Do you need an additional cash crop from your farm each spring? Strawberry production may be the answer since it brings in a pay day during May and June of each year. Tobacco farmers are finding it increasingly difficult to make their tobacco check cover a full year. Many of these families could sell strawberries commercially using family labor or an extra source of farm income. Markets of good quality fresh berries are readily available each year in nearby towns. With the continued use of deep freeze equipment in the home, housewives are buying large quantities of fresh berries and freezing them for home use. This use has opened up the area for greater strawberry and other small fruit production.

If you can use another cash crop on your farm and are not afraid of a little work, then strawberry production may be the answer. An acre of strawberry, if cared for properly, will bring in as many cash dollars as an acre of tobacco. Here in Yancey County, our soil and climate are well suited for the production of small fruits such as strawberries. If you are interested in raising strawberries, here are some things that you should consider: Be sure to order virus-free plants from a certified nursery. Tennessee Beauty variety is the best adapted plant for this area so be sure to use Tennessee Beauty plants if they are available. Select a well-drained soil with good air and water drainage. Since strawberries are a high cash crop, use your best land. Plants should be set two feet apart in the row and rows four feet apart. This spacing would require 5,445 plants per acre.

More information concerning strawberry production may be obtained from the County Agent's Office.

Yancey Hospital Report

BIRTHS:

A daughter, Teresa Jane, born January 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, Pensacola.

A daughter, Betty Jean, born January 22 to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Flynn, Rt. 3, Burnsville.

A daughter, not yet named, born January 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McDowell, Burnsville.

A daughter, not yet named, born January 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Beaver, Rt. 2, Mars Hill.

OTHER ADMISSIONS:

James G. Burleson, Micaville; Zilla Fox, Rt. 3, Burnsville; Bill Thomas, Kona; Claude Sparks, Elizabeth Hughes, Ted Street, Rt. 2, Bakersville; Cynthia Laws, Alma Sue Fox, Melvin King, Rt. 1, Burnsville; Berlie Garland, George J. Young, Rt. 3, Bakersville; Ruby Jones, Green Mtn.; Louise McKinney, Rt. 1, Bakersville; Maggie Robinson, Rt. 1, Green Mtn.; Ruth Rice, Frank Harris, Beacher Griffith, Burnsville; Daniel McKinney, Rt. 1, Spruce Pine; Jay B. Tilley, Relief; Royce Peterson, Rt. 1, Relief; James Perry Jackson, Star Rt. Burnsville; James Harris, Rt. 4, Burnsville.

Coming Our Way



OUT FOR BLOOD are these Red Cross nurses accompanying the Red Cross Bloodmobile in its rounds of tapping the community's lifeline. The only way they can get it, though, is from the people who come in to give their blood so that others may live. Remember, the Bloodmobile will be in Yancey County next Wednesday, Feb. 5, from 1:00 to 5:00 p. m. at the First Baptist Church in Burnsville.